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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Following up the question I was asking, Sir, whether Government at present do not know that passing commercial subjects makes a man eligible for future study although they have not been included in the Government Order, may I know whether the reconsideration would not include the whole question of commercial subjects also."

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" If proficiency in commercial subjects makes a man eligible for University course and if the University course is in future accepted as a qualification for Government service it would seem to follow that the hon. Member is correct. I do not know if it is so."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know whether there is an understanding that the whole question will be considered ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" The only question is eligibility for the University course."

Village Establishments

Restoration of village officers.

* 517 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of assistant karnams, assistant reddis, vettis and talaiyaris was before villages were grouped together ;

(*b*) how many of them were dispensed with at the grouping ;

(*c*) how many of them have been reinstated under the Village Officers Restoration Act ; and

(*d*) if all those that were dispensed with at the grouping of villages have not been reinstated, what the reasons are that have led to such action ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the Civil Budget Estimates for 1921–22 which have been published.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the particulars asked for but have called for a full statement of details as to the result of the measures taken in each district. When that is received the necessary information will be laid on the table.

Jails

Introduction of hand-spinning and hand-loom weaving in prisons.

* 518 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to refer to the debate in this House on 28th March 1927 on the Demand for Supplementary Grant XXXIII and to state—

(*a*) whether any and if so what steps have been taken to introduce hand-spinning as well as hand-loom weaving in the prisons ;

(*b*) whether any orders have been issued with a view to encourage hand-woven cloth out of hand-spun yarn by directing its use for uniforms for peons, ordinary police, abkari police and forest beat guards and so on ;